

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-8(Cancelled).

9(Currently Amended). A housing closing cover comprising:

 a carrier element having a generally planar bottom surface to be positioned in direct abutment against a mating component and an opening in said carrier element;

 a fluid seal mounted in said opening of said carrier element, said seal having a static ~~[[an]]~~ annular axial sealing lip facing in the axial direction of the said opening adjacent an edge of said opening, said axial sealing lip extending in one direction axially outwardly from said planar bottom surface of said carrier element to provide a static face seal between said housing and the mating component, and including an annular radial sealing lip attached to said axial sealing lip and extending in a radial direction from said axial sealing lip for sealing a member projecting through said opening, and wherein said radial sealing lip extends axially inwardly in relation to said planar bottom surface in a direction opposite said axial sealing lip and is supported for angular and radial movement relative to said carrier element without significantly impairing the sealing ~~lip~~ established by said radial sealing lip about the member projecting through the opening.

10(Previously Presented). The housing cover of claim 9, wherein said fluid seal includes a fusion zone connecting said radial sealing lip to said axial sealing lip and enabling said angular and radial movement of said radial sealing lip through flexing of said fusion zone.

11(Previously Presented). The housing cover of claim 9 wherein said carrier element includes an axially angled region adjacent said opening.

12(Previously Presented). The housing cover of claim 10 wherein said fusion zone is tapered having a wave form.

13(Previously Presented). The housing cover of claim 9 including a flexible retainer spring mounted on said fluid seal opposite and annularly about said radial sealing lip.

14(Previously Presented). The housing cover of claim 9 including a rigid ring mounted on said sealing lip opposite and annularly about said sealing lip.

15(Previously Presented). The housing cover of claim 14 wherein said rigid ring is molded in place in said fluid seal.

16(Canceled).

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17(Currently Amended). The housing cover of claim 9 wherein said radial sealing lip is substantially radially aligned with said planar bottom surface of said carrier element.

18(Currently Amended). The housing cover of claim 17 wherein a wave shaped fusion zone extends ~~generally~~ coplanar with said planar bottom surface of said carrier element to connect said static face seal to said axial sealing lip.